## **State of South Dakota**

## SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003

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## HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. HB~1128 - 02/11/2003

Introduced by: Representatives Solum and Smidt and Senators Sutton (Dan) and Abdallah

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the requirements for notice of nonrenewal for
- 2 surety insurance.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 58-1-14 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 58-1-14. Notice of refusal to renew an insurance policy as defined in §§ 58-9-5 to <u>58-9-30</u>,
- 6 <u>inclusive</u>, 58-9-32 and 58-9-33, inclusive, is not effective unless mailed or delivered by the
- 7 insurer to the named insured at least sixty days before the effective renewal date. The policy
- 8 provisions control if the policy provides for a notice of refusal to renew that exceeds sixty days.
- 9 This section does not apply to the cancellation and nonrenewal of automobile policies or
- 10 coverages as defined in § 58-11-45 or to a policy of homeowner's insurance. This section also
- does not apply to any other personal lines policy. A notice of refusal to renew any other personal
- lines policy is not effective unless mailed or delivered by the insurer to the named insured at least
- thirty days before the effective renewal date. A notice of nonrenewal is not required if the
- policyholder is transferred to an insurer that is a member of the same insurance group as the
- previous insurer and notice of such transfer is given in the form adopted by rule by the Division

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- 1 of Insurance pursuant to chapter 1-26.
- 2 Section 2. That chapter 58-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 Notice of refusal to renew an insurance policy as defined in § 58-9-31 is not effective unless
- 5 mailed or delivered by the insurer to the named insured at least thirty days before the effective
- 6 renewal date. The policy provisions control if the policy provides for a notice of refusal to renew
- 7 that exceeds thirty days.